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First Lady Melanie Blunt to Host Women's Council at Governor's Mansion

JEFFERSON CITY _ First Lady Melanie Blunt will host the Missouri Women's Council for a tour of the Governor's Mansion on July 12 in support of the council's activities.

``The Missouri Women's Council is committed to advancing the economic, social and political fortunes of women in our state and I look forward to welcoming them to my home and supporting their efforts,'' Mrs. Blunt said. ``Women have unique challenges and opportunities and I am anxious to meet with this extraordinary group and discuss issues that are important to all Missouri women.''

The visit to the Mansion, scheduled for 2 p.m., coincides with the quarterly meeting of the council which also plans to begin work on its strategic plan. Meetings are scheduled for July 12 and 13 in Jefferson City.

The council consists of 15 members including 11 appointed by the governor, two state senators and two state representatives. Created in 1985 to identify and address the issues affecting the economic and employment status of women in the state, the council also acts as a resource and referral center connecting women for a variety of backgrounds and deals with issues ranging from domestic violence to entrepreneurship and advocacy.

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